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**RE: MUR 6117** 

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in response to the FEC Complaint Regarding Turk for Congress filed by Stephen R. Bough.

While the Affidavit includes fourteen statements, there appear to be a handful of complaints with the remaining statements serving to provide additional facts. As such I will respond to these by number(s):

- 7) This statement is false. The third quarter report due on 10/15/08 was accessible well before the signing of this complaint. This report discloses a \$5,575.00 payment made to CBS Outdoor on 7/23/08.
- 11) Unfortunately the email referenced here was not included in the package that we received. That said, in general our research noted no requirement to use the word "for" when connecting the candidate and the position in the cases where the candidate is not the incumbent. I have subsequently verified this with a call to the Information Division of the FEC. Can you provide the regulation citation or some guidance that we missed? I'm certainly happy to correct this, but as it stands I don't see the error. As a practical matter, if this is an issue I can tell you there are a number of offenders in the area where I live.
- 9, 12) The complainant fails to bring into fact that just below the Jo Ann Signs expenditure for \$2,407.51 in the report period ended 7/16/2008 there is an expenditure to Phil Schmidtt Co. for \$4,947.78 clearly marked with a category type (004) that would suggest this too should be considered as a related expense. Phil Schmidtt Co. is the vendor used for yard signs.
- 13, 14) Both statements are false and the response to 7) gives our explanation.

In closing I am not sure why the complainant expects both the FEC and me to respond to what appear to be a) false statements filed under oath (7, 13, 14) about information accessible to and understood by the complainant; b) omission of obvious facts (9, 12); and c) complaints which have no basis provided by the complainant (11). I trust it is clear no action should be taken against Jacob Turk for Congress or me, as treasurer. Of course I am happy to answer any follow-up questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

Douglas L. Freeman

Cc: Jacob Turk